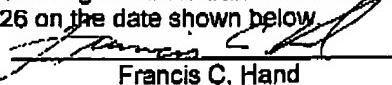


CERTIFICATION OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION
I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the
USPTO at (703) 872-9326 on the date shown below
OCT. 8 2004 
Date: _____ Francis C. Hand

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER
OCT 08 2004

Art Unit 3637

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: ROBERT D. VANDERMINDEN

Serial No: 09/895,950

Filed: June 29, 2001

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

TITLE: UMBRELLA TILT MECHANISM Customer No.: 27162

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 5, 2004.

Remarks

Claims 1, 3 to 9, 11 to 15 and 17 to 24 are in this application.

Claims 15 and 17 to 24 have been allowed.

Claims 1,3,4 9 and 11 to 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

Claims 5 to 8 have neither been rejected nor allowed.

Reconsideration of the rejection of the claims is requested.

Claim 1 contains the recitation "at least one of said pin and said catch being movable coaxially relative to each other.". This recitation was in original claim 2 that

**This Page is Inserted by IFW Indexing and Scanning
Operations and is not part of the Official Record**

BEST AVAILABLE IMAGES

Defective images within this document are accurate representations of the original documents submitted by the applicant.

Defects in the images include but are not limited to the items checked:

- BLACK BORDERS**
- IMAGE CUT OFF AT TOP, BOTTOM OR SIDES**
- FADED TEXT OR DRAWING**
- BLURRED OR ILLEGIBLE TEXT OR DRAWING**
- SKEWED/SLANTED IMAGES**
- COLOR OR BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPHS**
- GRAY SCALE DOCUMENTS**
- LINES OR MARKS ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT**
- REFERENCE(S) OR EXHIBIT(S) SUBMITTED ARE POOR QUALITY**
- OTHER:** _____

IMAGES ARE BEST AVAILABLE COPY.

As rescanning these documents will not correct the image problems checked, please do not report these problems to the IFW Image Problem Mailbox.